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# Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

# Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

**Addendum**

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the chapeau to section D, paragraphs 102 (b), 122 (b) *ter*, 125 (h), 134 (h), 135 (b) *bis*, 136 (a), 136 (c), 136 (d) and 138 (e) *bis* of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 102 (b) was amended to read:

"Create and maintain a non-discriminatory and gender-sensitive legal environment by reviewing legislation with the view to striving to remove discriminatory provisions as soon as possible, preferably by 2005, and eliminating legislative gaps that leave women and girls without protection of their rights and without effective recourse against gender-based discrimination;"

(b) Paragraph 102 (e) was deleted;

(c) In the chapeau to section D, all brackets and bolding were removed;

(d) Paragraph 122 (b) *ter* was amended to read as follows:

"Take further effective measures to remove the obstacles to the realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, in particular peoples

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living under colonial and foreign occupation, that continue to adversely affect their economic and social development;"

(e) Paragraph 125 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Create an enabling environment and design and implement policies that promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights — civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, including the right to development — and fundamental freedoms, as part of the efforts to achieve gender equality, development and peace;"

(f) Paragraph 134 (h) was amended to include a footnote explaining "Herstories" and read as follows:

"Capitalize on the new information technologies, including the Internet, to improve the global sharing of information, research, strengths, lessons learned from women's experiences, including "Herstories"[1] related to achieving gender equality, development and peace, and study other roles that these technologies can play towards that goal;"

(g) Paragraph 135 (b) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Facilitate the transfer to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of appropriate technology, particularly new and modern technology, and encourage efforts by the international community to eliminate restrictions on such transfers, as an effective means of complementing national efforts for further acceleration in achieving the goals of gender equality, development and peace;"

(h) Paragraph 136 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Create and strengthen an enabling environment, in accordance with national laws, to support the capacity of women's NGOs to mobilize resources to ensure the sustainability of their development activities;"

(i) Paragraph 136 (c) was replaced by the following text:

"Encourage the establishment and strengthening of multi-stakeholder partnerships/cooperation at all levels among international and intergovernmental organizations, with relevant actors of civil society, including NGOs, the private sector and trade unions, and women's organizations and other NGOs, communications and media systems in support of the goals of the Fourth World Conference on Women;"

(j) Paragraph 136 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Encourage partnerships and cooperation among Governments, international organizations, in particular international financial institutions, and multilateral organizations, private sector institutions and civil society, including NGOs, especially women's and community-based organizations to support poverty eradication initiatives focused on women and girls;"

[1] (Note explaining "Herstories" to be inserted.)

(k) Paragraph 138 (e) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Take effective and expeditious measures to mobilize international and national public opinion concerning the effects of different dimensions of the world drug problems on women and girls and ensure that appropriate resources are provided to this end".